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AND METHOD FOR USING SAME	:	1701 North Street
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Applied Art (The following reference(s) were cited by JPO Examiner as Prior art to the following JP claims)

Ref.	Patent Document No. or Title	Publication Date (MM/DD/YY)	English abs. or counterpart document available (Y/N)	JP claim(s)
A	PUPA 8-146256	6/7/96	Y	All
B	" 10-10374	1/16/98	Y	All
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